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A Note From Metro Council President Jim King

Dear Neighbor:

I was just elected to a new four-year term to continue serving you as your Metro Council member. In 2013 I also plan to serve my fourth one-year term as President of the Council. I am very honored to serve you and I hope you are pleased to have me as your council member. In this newsletter you will see we continue to make improvements in District 10 that enhance our quality of life. Please review this newsletter and share your thoughts with me if you are pleased with the results or have ideas for me to improve the services we provide.

Making Healthy Food Choices



The Metro Council recently passed an ordinance which I sponsored requiring restaurants to post nutritional facts, including caloric counts for their food offerings, at their restaurant locations. I became aware that many restaurants already post such information on their websites, but frequently did not have that information available to their patrons on site. In those cases, the restaurants must now provide caloric data to their dine-in customers. We know that making smart food choices for ourselves and our families is a critical part of a healthy lifestyle and having nutritional information available when you dine out makes smart food decisions that much easier.

Emerson Gardens Park Fall Concert



In keeping with my commitment to the neighborhoods surrounding Emerson Gardens, it was my pleasure to sponsor Family Music Night at Emerson Gardens Park on Sunday afternoon, October 7.

The concert featured the music of Barefoot Best Friends and BlueZengrass bands, performing on the stage of the new gazebo completed last summer. Along with members of the Schnitzelburg Area Community Council, I was happy to welcome Circuit Court Clerk David Nicholson and Property Valuation Administrator Tony Lindauer to the festivities. This was a wonderful opportunity for neighbors to enjoy the park and its amenities and a great use of the renovated space for the neighborhood. We will be sponsoring more of these concerts in the future and if you have suggestions for a Spring concert, please e-mail me or call my office at 574-1110.

The Louisville Zoo

Glacier Run Takes Top Exhibit Award in North America

The American Association of Zoos and Aquariums recently honored our Louisville Zoo by naming their Glacier Run Exhibit as best new exhibit in North America for 2012! This is the third time our Zoo has been honored with awards for excellence in design and function. There are only eight other zoos in the country that have been recipients of three such awards. We are proud to have this community treasure in District 10.

You can check out the Zoo's award-winning exhibit and help struggling families in Kentuckiana all in one visit to the Zoo. Receive \$5 off regular adult or child admission now through February 28, 2013, with a donation of at least one non-perishable food item. While there, check out the new Polar Express 4-D Experience, based on the film from Warner Bros and inspired by the children's book of the same name. It combines the visual drama of a 3-D film with a variety of 4-D sensory effects that are built into the seat and theater environment, bringing the on-screen images to life. For more details visit

www.louisvillezoo.org/4D/. Cost is \$5; \$4 Zoo members. And remember, the Zoo gift shop has some terrific gift selections for your holiday shopping. Delight someone on your gift giving list with an unusual and unexpected present from the Louisville Zoo and help support our Zoo at the same time.



Nightingale Improvements



I am pleased to report that the next scheduled phase of improvements to the Nightingale apartment complex near Audubon Park has been completed. Drainage improvements, dumpster relocation and parking area sealing were all finished in early September. The dumpster improvements were sorely needed to improve functionality and to enhance the general appearance of the area. Thus far, we have eliminated 80 individual trash cans with the six dumpsters we installed. We are still working closely with the Community Service Department to subsidize the Housing Partnership's purchase of all the units in an effort to upgrade and renovate the buildings. My commitment to making improvements in this area and solving the problems that remain continues.

We will be installing more dumpsters in the near future. I will keep you posted on my progress.

German/Paristown Rain Garden Ribbon Cutting

The German/Paristown Neighborhood Association's visionary green initiative is now a reality. In concert with MSD, Metro Public Works and the neighborhood association, we proudly unveiled the rain garden to the public on September 19.

The ceremony was well attended by neighbors, members of the association, MSD representatives and Councilman David Tandy of District 4, who shares representation of the neighborhood.

The project is a huge aesthetic and environmental success and a fine example of residents and government agencies working together to improve and enhance their neighborhood. It gives me a great sense of pride to be involved and partner with residents on such a worthwhile endeavor. Thanks to Tandee Ogburn and Steve Magre for their leadership.



Dedicating the German/Paristown Rain Garden were (from left) Wes Sydnor, MSD; Pres. Jim King; Tandee Ogburn and Steve Magre of the German/Paristown Neighborhood.

Paving the Way Creason/Sheridan

My effort to improve the use and safety of Creason Park is nearing completion. Sheridan Avenue, the rear access road to Creason Park, has been widened, repaved and received drainage improvements. The surrounding earthwork is back in place and the area has been seeded. I just appropriated monies for speed humps to be installed in the coming months to slow traffic in areas used by pedestrians.

All of these improvements will enhance safety for walkers and cyclists who visit Creason Park and will make it much safer and more convenient for the residents of Oak Hill and Camp Taylor seeking to avoid zoo traffic. If you haven't been to Creason Park lately, I encourage you to take the whole family and enjoy a beautiful part of D-10 with the best walking path in the city.



Sidewalk Improvements in Buechel Terrace

I personally toured Buechel Terrace when it became part of District 10 earlier this year and I identified a number of areas that have been neglected. It's clear to me that we have much to do to provide the services that area residents deserve. I have set aside funding of \$25,000 this year for improvements to sidewalks to improve appearance, safety, function and disability compliance. We began our work on Eldorado, Derby, Bonny and Granville.

Speed Humps

Another new area of District 10 includes the neighborhood between the Old Cinemas and Goldsmith Lane. The residents of this area have requested speed humps in the past but to no avail. After assuming this area in District 10, I agreed to help combat the problem of speeding on these streets. Several residents were concerned about the safety of the neighborhood children while playing, as well as seniors in the area. After residents submitted the necessary petitions, I convinced Metro Public Works to install the required speed humps on Belmont, Moulton, Palmer roads and Peabody Avenue. I set aside District 10 capital infrastructure funds to install the humps and have already heard very positive feedback from their effect on the neighborhood.

Speed humps have also recently been installed on Illinois Avenue at the request of more than 75% of the residents on that street. These humps serve to slow "cut through" traffic, especially in early morning and mid-afternoon after school. I'm told they have already reduced traffic counts and speeds on this residential street.

Recycling Program

The Business and Residential recycling program is ready to roll in District 10.

The new residential recycling program is now available to all residents who reside in the Urban Services District, formerly the old city of Louisville city limits.

The program is available for a nominal fee of \$50 per 95 gallon black cart with orange lid. For more information or to subscribe, please contact Metro Call 311 or visit <http://www.louisvilleky.gov/MetroCall/>.



Preston Corridor Streetscape

As you know, we renovated the Preston Corridor from Phillips Lane to Hess Lane several years ago. Over the last two years, I have been working to fund the completion of the areas between Hess and Eastern Parkway. Plans are now completed and the project is going out for bid. I was able to include \$550,000 in our budget this year to complete the renovation work remaining between Hess Lane and Eastern Parkway. This will be similar in style to the work we did earlier near Audubon Parkway on Preston. Trees, sidewalks, curbs and brick borders will be a part of the scope of the project, along with "green" drainage improvements provided by MSD which will capture 3,547,000 gallons of storm water annually with passive green tactics to keep that water out of the storm sewer system.

Buechel Corridor/Streetscape

Between Hikes Lane and Buechel Bank Road

I am working on plans for a complete renovation of this area. The budget will include approximately \$600,000 from Metro Government and another \$300,000 from the Kentucky Department of Transportation. I will be holding meetings in the near future to involve affected businesses and neighborhoods and to provide additional detail on the project. I am also hopeful that we will be able to update the intersection at Six Mile Lane and Old Bardstown Road to install a passive green light once the infrastructure is updated.



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Accountability

I believe you have the right to know how I am spending your tax dollars.

Accordingly, below is an accounting of monies we have spent since my last newsletter.

\$ 250	1st Gethsemane	Community Health Fair / Back to School giveaway
\$ 500	1st Neighborhood Place	Back to School Bash
\$ 500	American Cancer Society	Relay for Life
\$ 300	American Foundation for Suicide Prevention	Programmatic and operating expenses
\$ 725	Belmar Neighborhood Association	Expenses associated with Community Wide Cleanup
\$ 500	Big Brothers / Big Sisters of Kentuckiana	Expenses associated with the mentoring program
\$ 1,220	Brightside	Water meter for German/Paristown Rain Garden
\$ 250	Center for Neighborhoods	Expenses associated with the Grassroots Gala
\$ 500	Community Services and Revitalization	Expenses associated with the production of the Triad calendar
\$ 2,000	Edge Outreach	Public programming expenses
\$ 200	Education First / HBCU	Programmatic and operating expenses
\$ 1,081	George Rogers Clark Neighborhood Association	Expenses associated with neighborhood eurveys
\$ 500	LMPD 4th Division	National Night Out event
\$ 500	LMPD 5th Division	Annual children's Christmas party
\$ 780	Metro Parks	Neighborhood beautification project - St. Joseph Area
\$ 2,500	Metro Parks	Louisville Nature Center
\$ 500	Metro Parks	Iroquois Amphitheater musicals
\$ 5,642	Metro Public Works	Bus stop improvement partnership - TARC
\$ 16,800	Metro Public Works	Speed humps - Sheridan Avenue / Creason Park, Belmont, Palmer, Peabody, Moulton roads. and Illinois Avenue
\$ 280	Metro Public Works	Right of way improvements - Preston Highway / I-264
\$ 10,000	Metro Public Works	Sidewalk improvements - Newburg Road / Champion's Trace
\$ 17,200	Metro Public Works	Nightingale - Drainage improvements, relocation of dumpster corrals
\$ 2,000	Ministries United South Central Louisville	Programmatic and operating expenses
\$ 3,000	Petersburg Community Development	Jazz N the Park event
\$ 5,190	Schnitzelburg Area Community Council	Operating expenses and expenses associated with neighborhood events
\$ 1,000	South Louisville Community Ministries	Programmatic and operating expenses
\$ 500	Southwest YMCA	Southwest monthly Family Nights
\$ 250	The Coalition for the Homeless	Homeless NOT Helpless youth initiative
\$ 250	The Louisville Zoo	Annual School at the Zoo event
\$ 300	University of Louisville Research Foundation	U of L's Pride Week



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District 10 Neighborhood Events

Dec. 9 Decorating of Germantown/Schnitzelburg neighborhood Christmas Tree.
3 pm. Corner of Texas and Burnett streets.